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6 May 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Production Services Division, NPIC

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the Roller Transport Processors, RT-12 and RT-24 under Contract [redacted] X1

1. [redacted] X1 has requested permission to close out the RT-12 Inch Roller Transport Processor (RT-12) and the 24-Inch Roller Transport Paper Processor (RT-24) projects under Contract [redacted] Engineering consultation from the contractor may be requested at any time. Both processors are now in operable condition in Production Services Division spaces except as outlined in subsequent paragraphs. 25X

2. RT-12

After considerable repairs, changes, and adjustments, the RT-12 now appears to be ready for production operations. It can be anticipated, however, that more "bugs" will crop up and that part failures may occur. For this reason, it is recommended that spare parts be ordered and stocked. Engineering aid and consultation could be obtained from [redacted] 25X if desired, but is not anticipated. 100% of the funds allocated for this project have been expended.

It is recommended that the RT-12 Processor be accepted by NPIC and that [redacted] X1 be notified to close the account under PAR 214, [redacted]

3. RT-24

Further development of a component for the RT-24 is required, but it is proposed that another contractor provide the necessary apparatus. Several local contractors will be solicited to provide this requirement, among them, [redacted]. A lead-tab 25X and feed apparatus is required to be installed on this processor before production work can be accomplished, and this will cause considerable delay before the RT-24 can become operable. A small modification is also required at the ejection end of the dryer box to allow the finished material to drop free.

All other aspects of the machine are considered acceptable. It is recommended that the project be closed out under PAR 215, [redacted] 25X

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and that [redacted] be notified that the basic machine will be accepted even though it is not completely operable. It is understood that engineering consultation from the contractor is readily available and may be requested at any time to enhance the operability of the machine under production conditions. 100% of the funds allocated to this project have been expended. Additional funding, not to exceed [redacted] should be made available under the FY 1967 budget in order to develop a lead-tab apparatus to feed the machine under production conditions. A contractor should be selected immediately to improve upon the present "breadboard" lead-tab apparatus and to manufacture the finished apparatus so that production runs may be made before August 1966.

Spare parts for the RT-24 should also be ordered immediately to take care of any breakdown experienced in the testing phase or later in the production phase of this machine.

4. A spare parts list for both machines is attached; upon concurrence with this memorandum, the items listed will be refined and subsequently ordered from [redacted] by P&DS and purchased with [redacted] Contract funds.

5. It is considered to be advantageous to NPIC as well as to the [redacted] to complete the two projects as noted above; both machines have been fully installed at considerable expense in PSD spaces. Further experimentation with both machines should now be made by NPIC in preparation for eventual production use. NPIC should now be able to handle the two machines with the aid (in the case of the RT-24) of an outside contractor, and with the standby aid of [redacted] on a consultant basis.

6. If you concur with the above recommended action, please sign and return a copy of this memorandum. Your [redacted]

Assistant for Plans and Development, NPIC

CONCUR [redacted] DATE: 16 May 1966

Chief, Production Services Division, NPIC

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